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Guest Speaker at the December 17 General Meeting of LE-HI-HO will be Paul O'M. Welles, author of the new novel Project Lambda. A Scranton native and a Yale graduate, Welles is a veteran of the State Department, advertising, newspapers, nine-to-five writing stints, and early on, of the Navy. He has lived in France, Greece, and Italy, and now inhabits, with assorted fauna, rural New Jersey where he works as Acquisitions Editor for the Lambda Book Club. Under the pseudonym Orlando Paris he was, for six years, staff book critic for QQ Magazine, and he has contributed articles and short stories to a number of magazines. His first book has seen three editions, and his poetry has been anthologized. Welles is a member of The Elizabethan Club and the Chi Delta Theta Literary Society. About his new book critics have said:

As you read Project Lambda, you ask yourself if such things could really happen in our America. And you know in your heart that they could. This chilling novel explores the dark heart of American repressiveness. It is about the right-wingers' "final solution" to what they regard as the homosexual problem. -Patricia Nell Warren (Author, The Front Runner)***** This story of a gay holocaust is one of the most shocking, exciting and important works of our time. Written with great skill and talent. Easily the first and best story of this type possible today. -Forrest Wallace Cato (Best-In-Books)***** The inexorability of events in this novel reaches into the past and into the future, and the resultant tension for the reader seems at times to become nearly unendurable. The objectivity of the writing, the reportorial style, generates an icy heat that cannot fail to catch and hold us to a remarkable degree. -Coleman Dowell ***** Project Lambda is a roller coaster ride that you can't get off. It is terrifying, thrilling and cathartic. It brings to the surface the real fears of gay men when confronted with America's most repressive and anti-homosexual factions. -David Rothenberg (Gaysweek)***Project Lambda, far from edging us a bit further in the direction of a new genre of gay literature, blasts us into orbit around it. It is well crafted and solidly written. It is a novel well worth the reading, and passing on to a friend. -Thomas Vinew (GPU News).

The Dec. 17 meeting will take place at 2:00 p.m. in the Unitarian Church of the Lehigh Valley, 701 Lechauweki Ave., Bethlehem (Fountain Hill); the church is located two blocks south of 1500 Broadway.

BRIEFS*****The new gay hotline, GAYLINE, is scheduled to debut January 1. Phone number is 435-1314 and mailing address P.O. Box 4031, Allentown, Pa. 18105. Due to the small number of volunteers, hours will be limited to Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings between 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. Can you help?***** Last month's Pot-Luck Supper was widely enjoyed by the 30 people who attended. Many thanks to our host Ed Ettinger. The Jan. 28 meeting will feature a showing of the highly acclaimed film Sunday Bloody Sunday. Details next month. ***** Elections to our Board of Directors will also take place Dec. 17; three two-year terms are open, and nominations can be made on the floor*****New Books: The Gay Health Guide (Rowan & Gillette), medical reference book for men and women covers two dozen diseases, their contraction, symptoms, treatment and avoidance, plus sexual injuries, performance and emotional problems. Informative but displays slight negative attitude toward its intended users. Homosexualities (Bell & Weinberg) is the new study from Kinsey Institute researchers of 1,000 gay people, covering the dimension of their sexual experience, and their social and psychological adjustments. 275 pp. of text with 200 pp. of tables; can be read in small doses.*****Election Results (If you missed them): Briggs Initiative defeated soundly in California; Seattle retained gay civil rights ordinance; Dade County, Florida turned down an ordinance again, but by a smaller majority (58% to last year's 69%). Anita kept a lower profile this year.